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**UNDER**  
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## THE HEDGEHOG

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**SONIC THE  
HEDGEHOG**  
SUPER-SPEEDY HERO



**KNUCKLES  
THE ECHIDNA**  
GUARDIAN ON  
THE HUNT



**ANTOINE  
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BRAVE[ISH] SWORDSMAN



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Now Sonic seeks out the sage Gregorios, who claims to hold the key to help him **save the world...**



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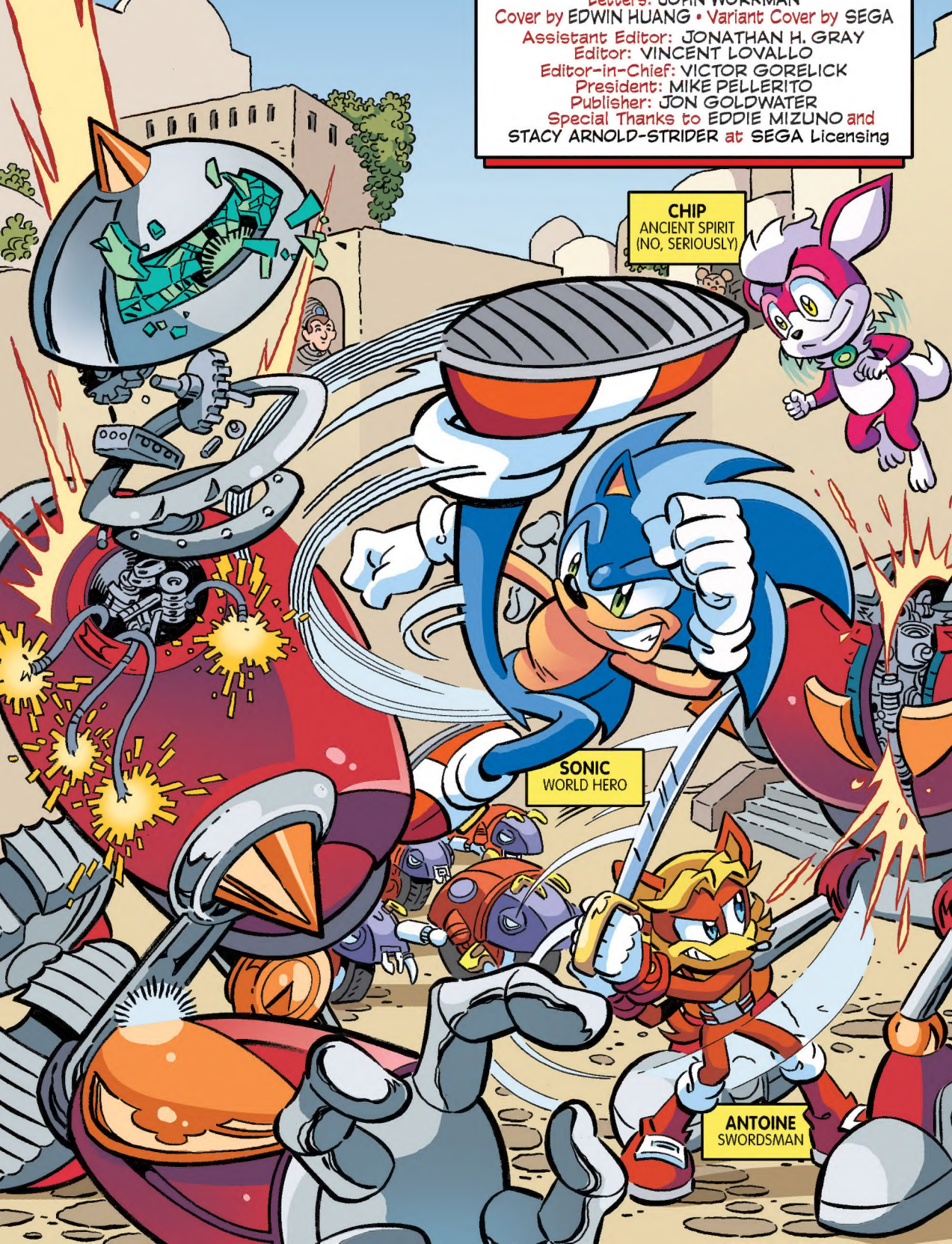
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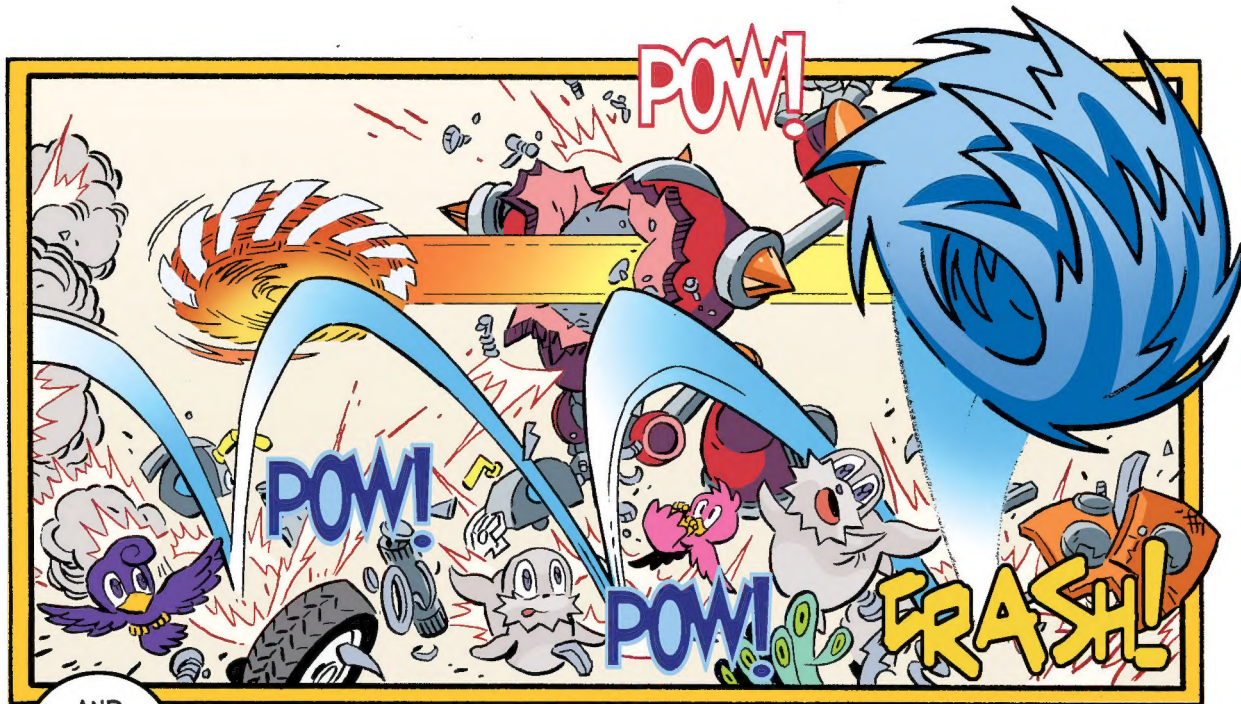
CHIP  
ANCIENT SPIRIT  
(NO, SERIOUSLY)

SONIC  
WORLD HERO

ANTOINE  
SWORDSMAN







AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!

WOW! YOU GUYS ARE SO COOL!

ZERE ARE QUITE ZE MANY BADNIKS FOR SUCH ZE QUAINT TOWN, NON?

YEAH, AND I TANGLED WITH A FEW BEFORE I RAN INTO SILVER.\*

WHEN WAS ZAT?

RIGHT AFTER WE WRAPPED UP THAT OTHER MISSION. I TRY TO KEEP BUSY.

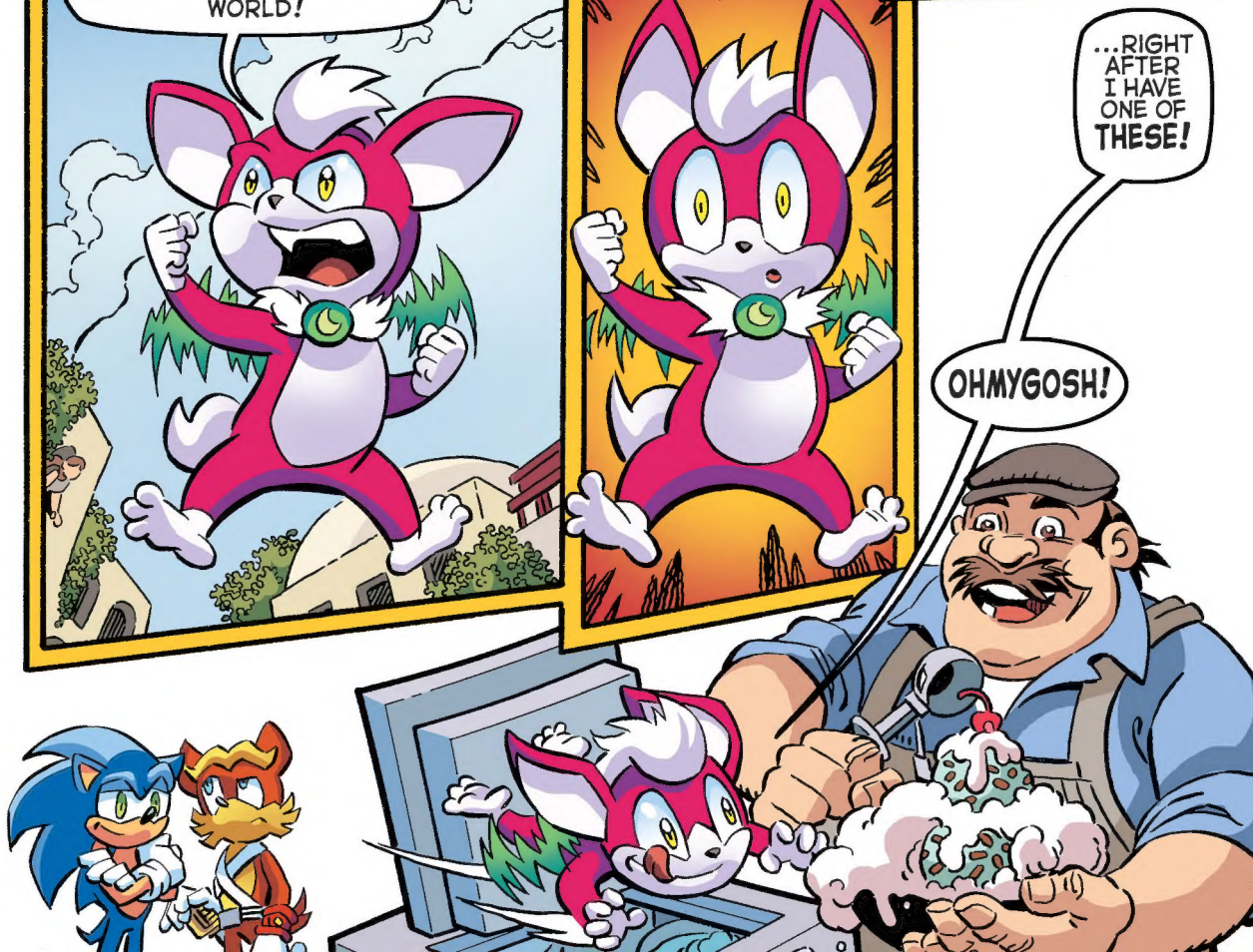
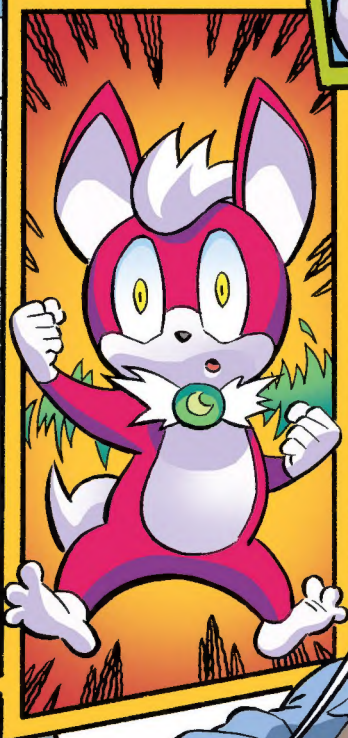
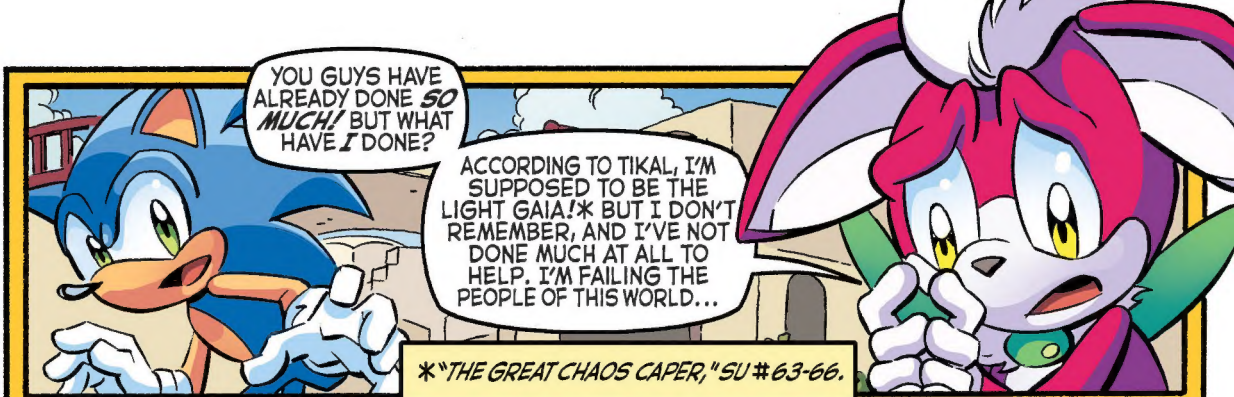
IF EGGMAN IS SHOWING SUCH INTEREST IN ZE AREA, PERHAPS ZIS GREGORIOS FELLOW REALLY DOES HAVE AN IMPORTANT SECRET?

WON'T HURT TO CHECK. WE'RE DOING OKAY FOR FINDING CHAOS EMERALDS.

\*SONIC COMIC ORIGINS #6--READ FOR YOURSELF IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE #14!

BUT WE'RE WAY BEHIND ON FINDING GAIA TEMPLES.







MEANWHILE, ABOARD  
THE SKY PATROL...

...SO I HAD TO SHATTER  
THE MASTER EMERALD.  
**AGAIN.** AND ITS SHARDS  
RAINED DOWN ON THE  
MESSED-UP PLANET.\*

I THOUGHT I WAS  
HUNTING DOWN ONE OF  
THE SHARDS WHEN I  
ENDED UP GETTING  
ROPED INTO THE  
FIGHTING TOURNAMENT.

\*"TOTAL ECLIPSE,"  
SU # 67-70.

YEAH, AND THEN  
YOU KNOCKED ME  
OUT OF THE RING...

NOW-NOW, AMY, DON'T  
BE A SORE LOSER!

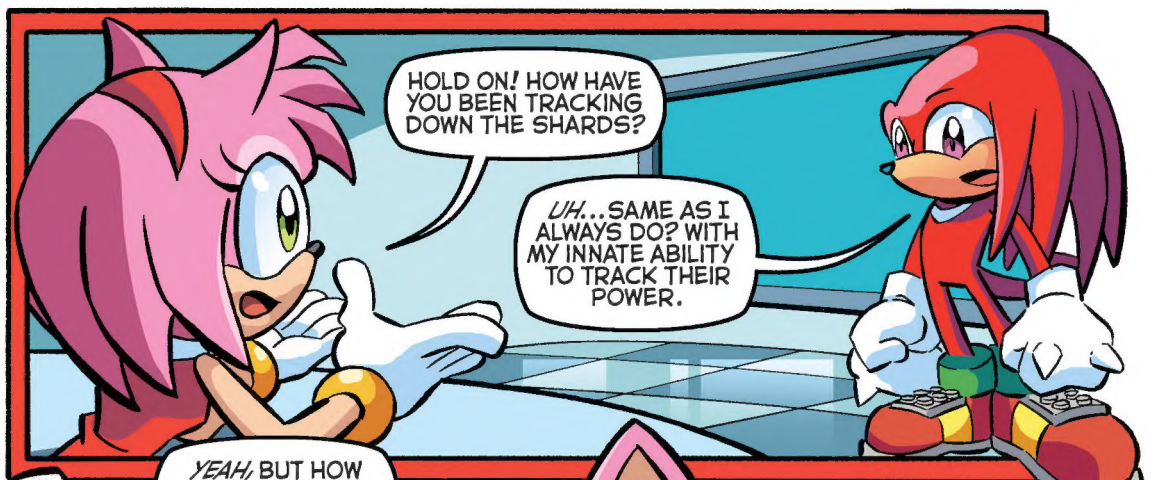
WHAT ABOUT YER  
ISLAND? WITHOUT  
THE MASTER  
EMERALD'S POWER,  
IT'LL FALL. AND  
WITH THE PLANET  
LIKE IT IS...

NO, IT'S STILL FLOATING  
--JUST LIKE ALL THE  
CONTINENTS. I GUESS  
**ONE** GOOD THING HAD  
TO COME OF ALL THIS.

BUT THAT MEANS  
IF WE FIX THE  
PLANET, YOUR  
ISLAND WILL FALL!

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE  
WE CAN POSTPONE  
SAVING **EVERYONE**...





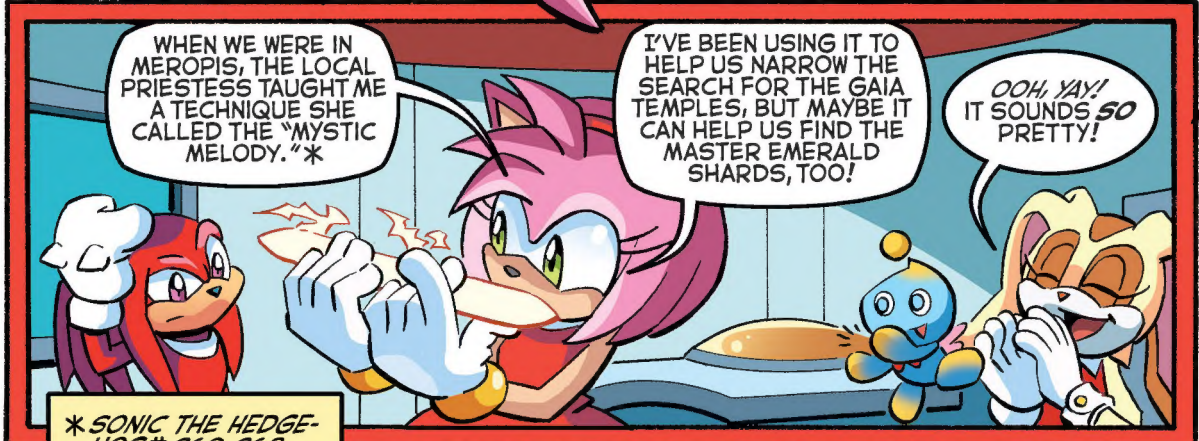
HOLD ON! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN TRACKING DOWN THE SHARDS?

UH... SAME AS I ALWAYS DO? WITH MY INNATE ABILITY TO TRACK THEIR POWER.

YEAH, BUT HOW MUCH RANGE DO YOU GET ON THAT?

I DUNNO, A FEW MILES? BEYOND THAT, IT'S GUESS WORK.

I *THOUGHT* SO! I THINK I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!



WHEN WE WERE IN MEROPIS, THE LOCAL PRIESTESS TAUGHT ME A TECHNIQUE SHE CALLED THE "MYSTIC MELODY." \*

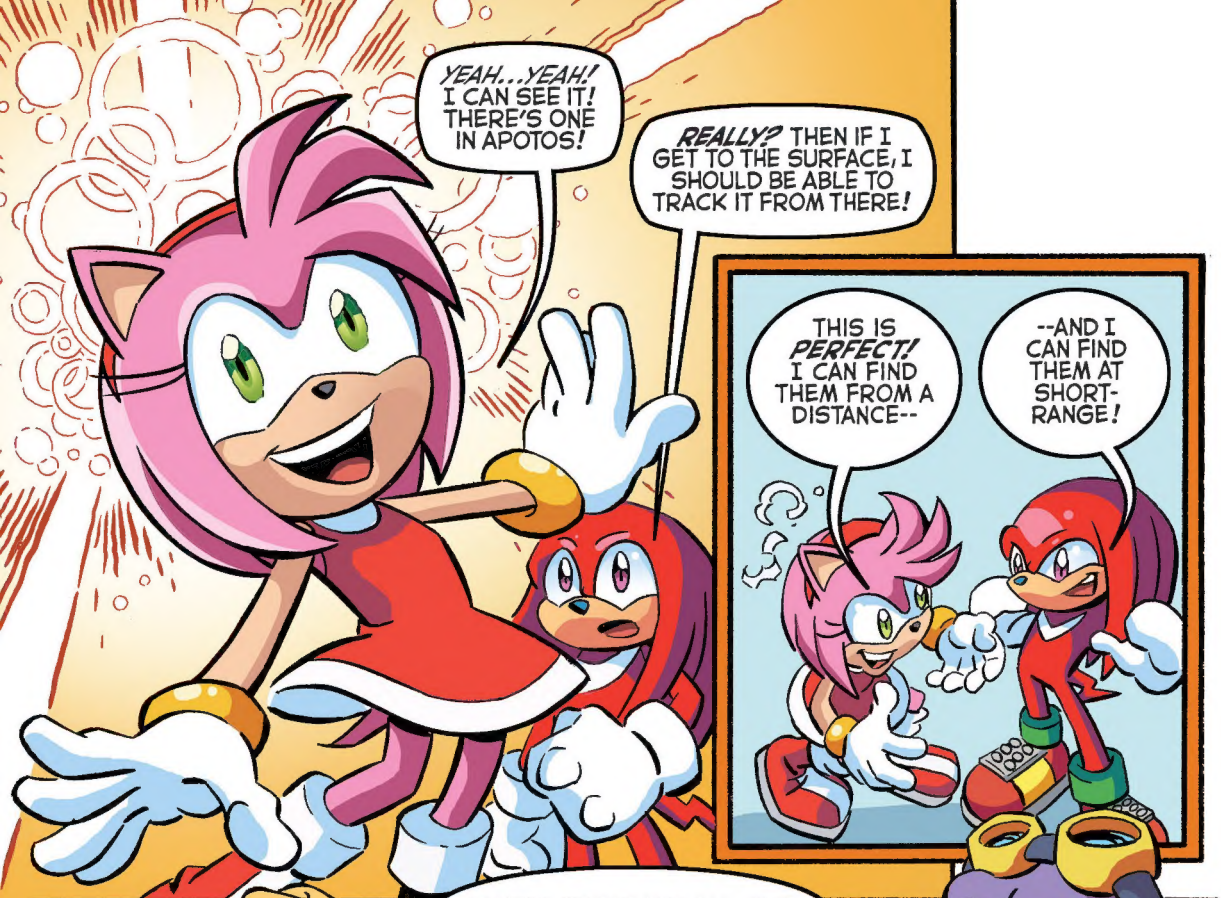
I'VE BEEN USING IT TO HELP US NARROW THE SEARCH FOR THE GAIA TEMPLES, BUT MAYBE IT CAN HELP US FIND THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS, TOO!

OOH, YAY! IT SOUNDS *SO* PRETTY!

\* SONIC THE HEDGE-  
HOG #260-263.







YEAH...YEAH!  
I CAN SEE IT!  
THERE'S ONE  
IN APOTOS!

REALLY? THEN IF I  
GET TO THE SURFACE, I  
SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
TRACK IT FROM THERE!

THIS IS  
*PERFECT!*  
I CAN FIND  
THEM FROM A  
DISTANCE--

--AND I CAN  
FIND  
THEM AT  
SHORT-  
RANGE!



THAT'S GREAT AND ALL, BUT  
REMEMBER FIXING THE *WHOLE*  
*PLANET?* AMY'S OUR BEST  
CHANCE AT FINDING THE  
TEMPLES. I MEAN, YOU GUYS  
WERE GONE WITH SONIC AND  
ANTOINE ON A SCOUTING  
MISSION, AND THE SKY PATROL  
ALMOST GOT OVERRUN! \*

WE CAN'T  
DIVIDE OUR-  
SELVES UP, OR  
GO FLYING  
EVERYWHERE  
WHILE THE WORLD  
SUFFERS!

ANGEL ISLAND  
IS *PART* OF OUR  
WORLD, ROTE.

\*"SPARK OF LIFE," *SU* #71.



MISTER  
KNUCKLES  
BROUGHT US A  
CHAOS EMERALD,  
AND HELPED US  
WIN ANOTHER! IT'S  
ONLY FAIR THAT  
WE HELP HIM!

HEY-HEY-HEY!  
I'M NOT SAYING  
WE *DON'T* HELP  
KNUCKLES! WE  
CAN TRY TO  
THINK OF  
*SOMETHING.*

BUT WE'VE GOT TO  
PRIORITIZE THE  
*ENTIRE* WORLD, NOT  
JUST A PIECE OF IT.  
AND TO DO *THAT...*



"...WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GAIA TEMPLES."

I'M SORRY, MY FRIENDS, BUT THERE ARE NO SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.

YO, GRAMPS. I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU SENT FOR ME.

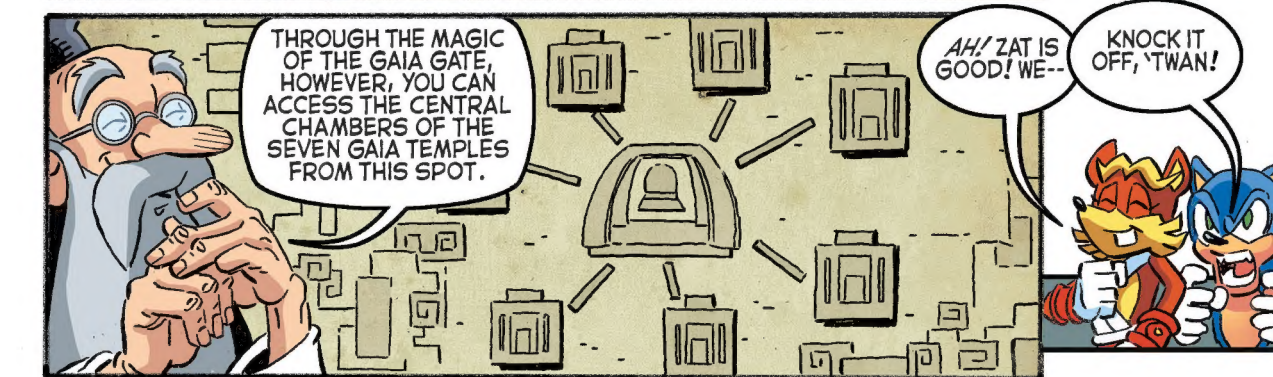
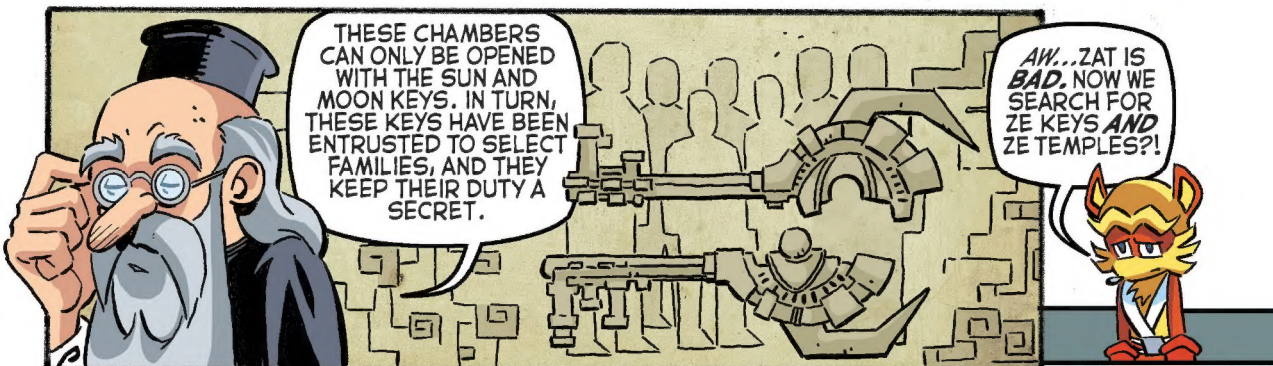
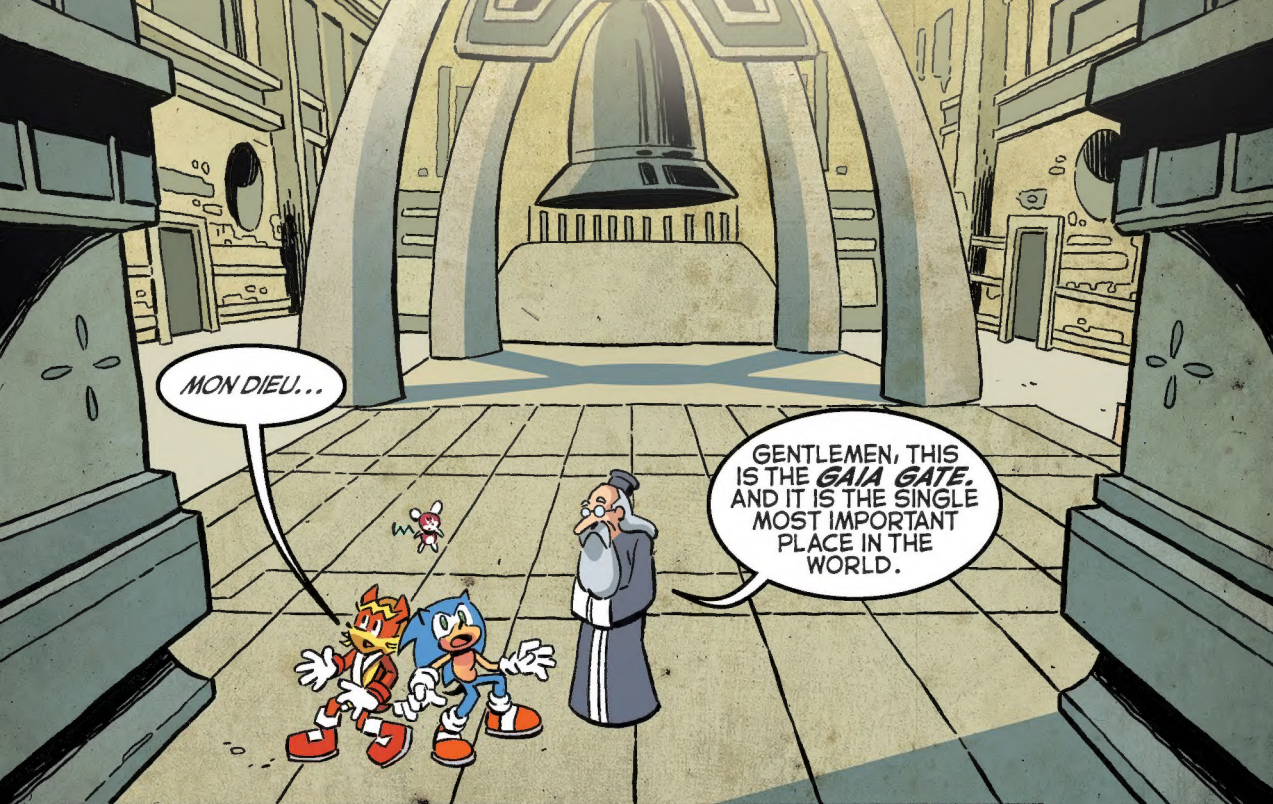
AND SINCE I'M SO AWESOME, I EVEN BROUGHT THE LIGHT GAIA WITH ME!

OOPS! UH--HELLO, SIR!

YOU ARE TRULY THE HERO THEY SAY YOU ARE! MY NAME IS **GREGORIOS**. PLEASE-- FOLLOW ME.

KER-CLAK!





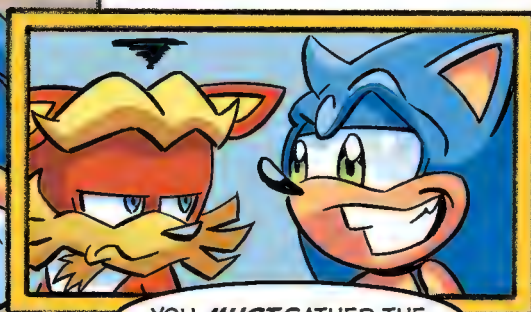




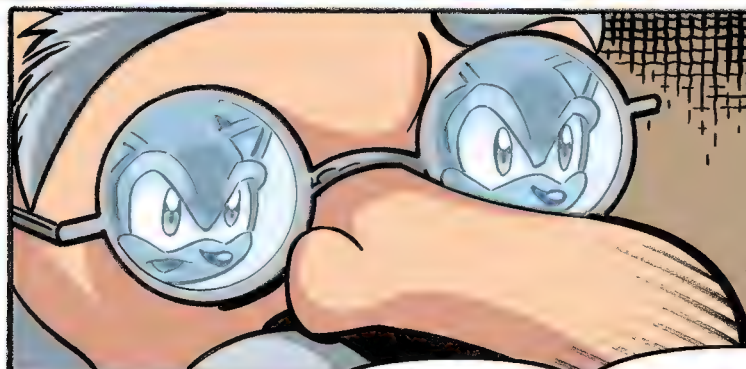
AWESOME! WE CAN BRING ALL THE KEYS BACK HERE AND FIX THE WORLD ALL IN ONE GO!

AND WE WILL NOT BE HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ZE EGG ARMY SNEAKING IN AFTER WE ACCESS A TEMPLE!

ZUT ALORS! ZAT IS SO BON! WHAT ELSE CAN I BE STATING THE OBVIOUS ON?!

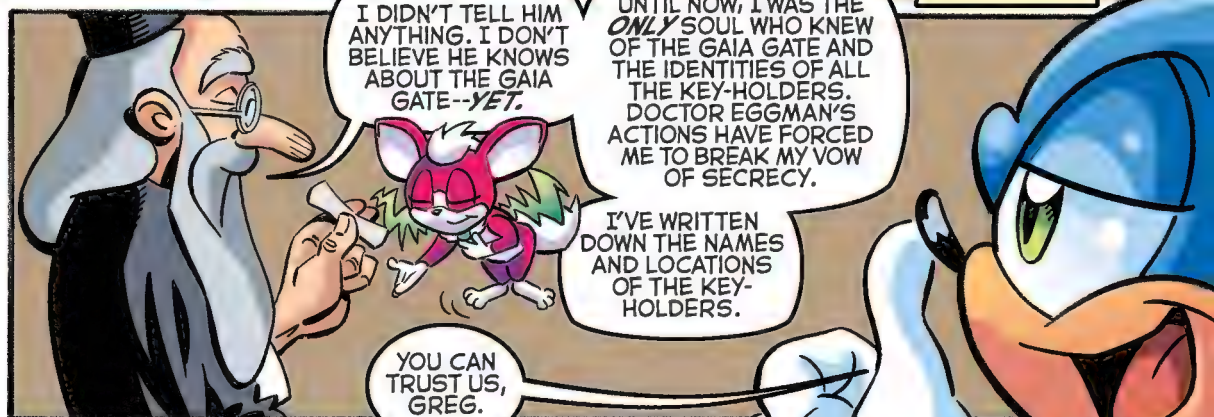


YOU *MUST* GATHER THE KEYS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! SINCE THE DOCTOR SENT METAL SONIC AFTER ME, HE MUST BE LOOKING FOR THE TEMPLES. IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO LEARN THAT HE NEEDS THE KEYS AS WELL.



I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T HURT. WHAT HAPPENED WITH METAL SONIC?\*

\*STH #268.



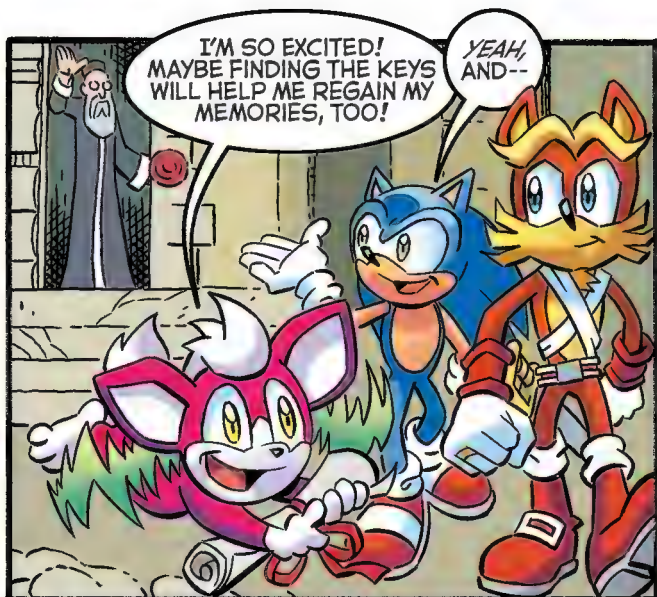
I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTHING. I DON'T BELIEVE HE KNOWS ABOUT THE GAIA GATE--YET.

UNTIL NOW, I WAS THE *ONLY* SOUL WHO KNEW OF THE GAIA GATE AND THE IDENTITIES OF ALL THE KEY-HOLDERS. DOCTOR EGGMAN'S ACTIONS HAVE FORCED ME TO BREAK MY VOW OF SECRECY.

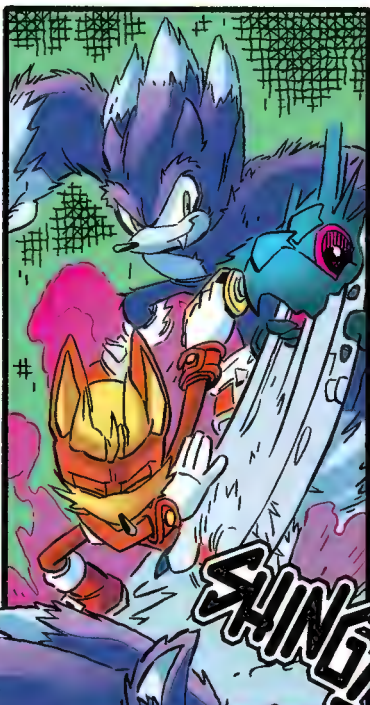
I'VE WRITTEN DOWN THE NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF THE KEY-HOLDERS.

YOU CAN TRUST US, GREG.

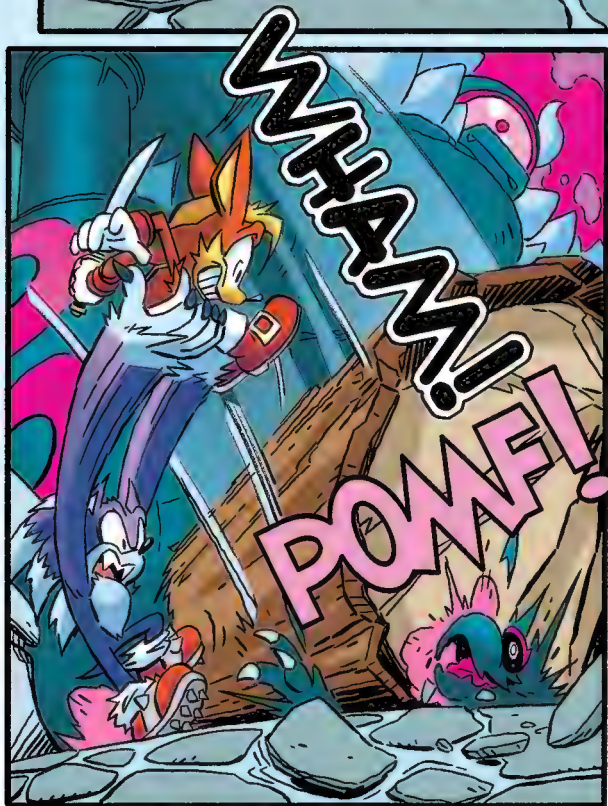
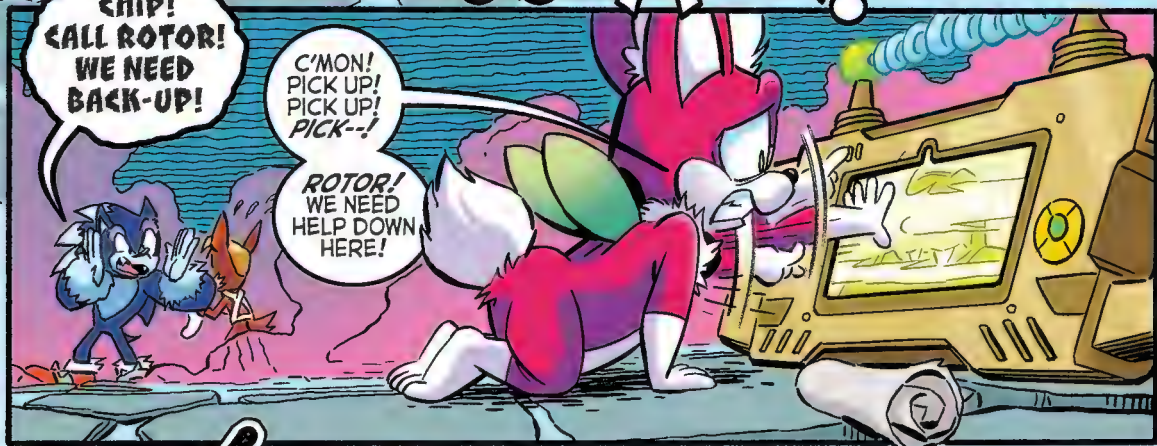














WHUD!

RRRRGH!

POW!

ZOT!

HAVIN' FUN, SUGAR-HOG?

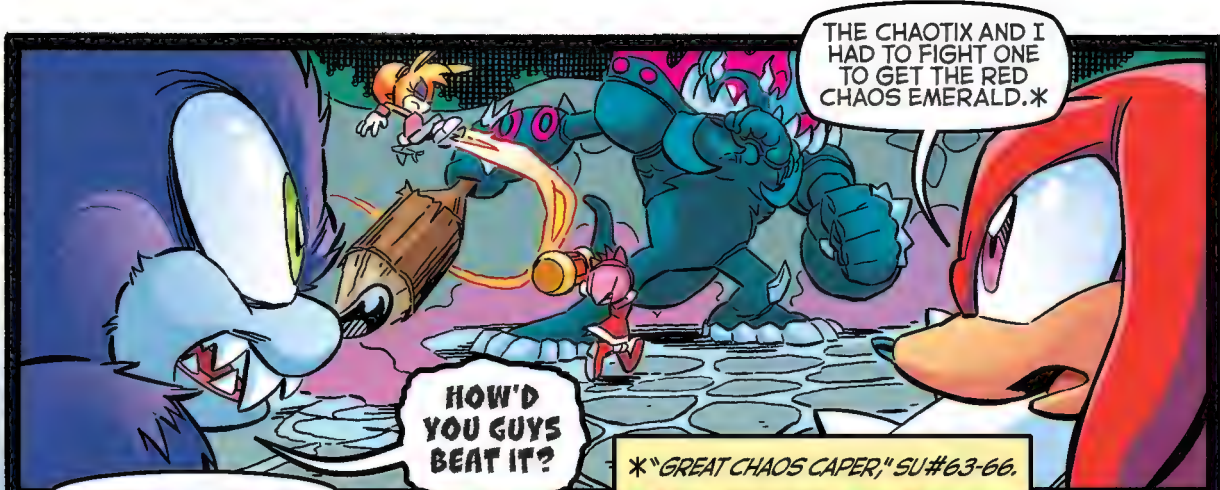
PIKO!

SALLY CALLED AND SAYS HER TEAM IS FINE, BY THE WAY!

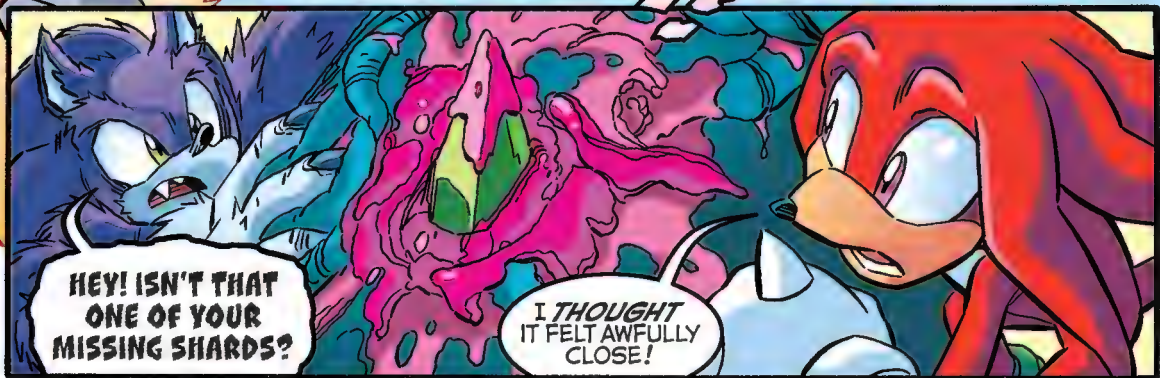
GREAT-- ANOTHER ONE OF THESE...

FRIEND OF YOURS?

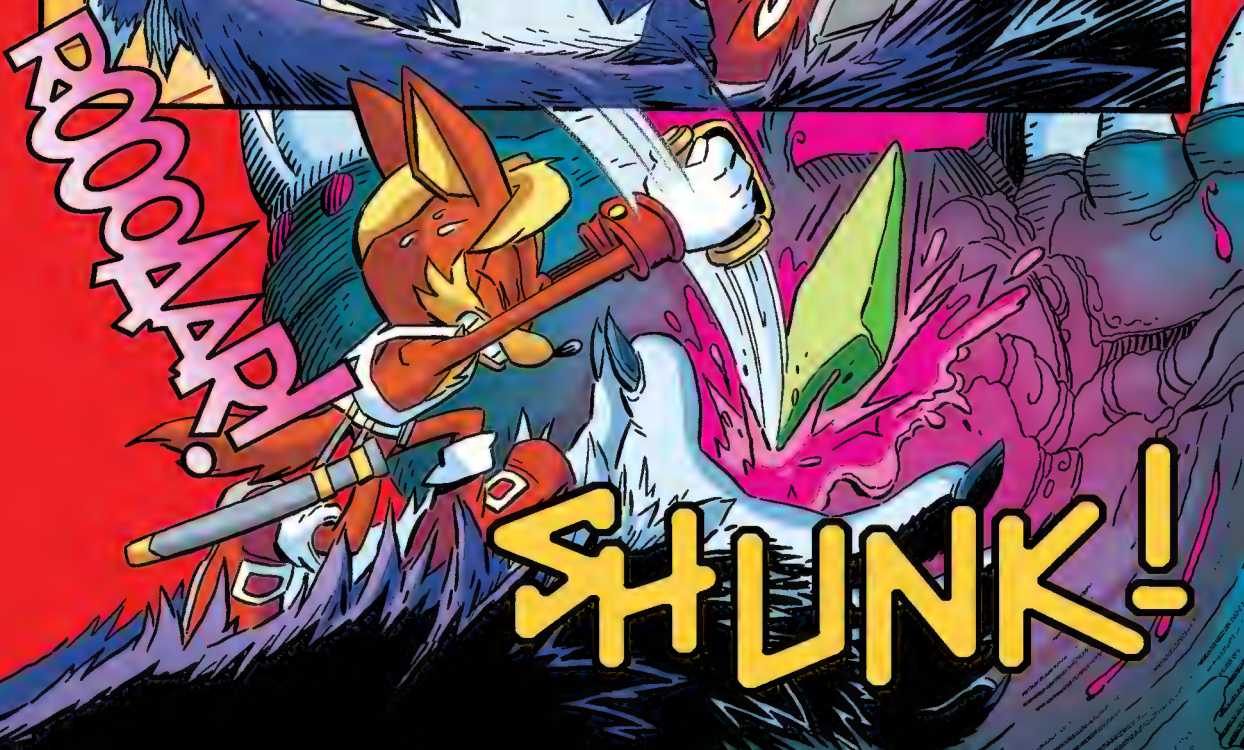
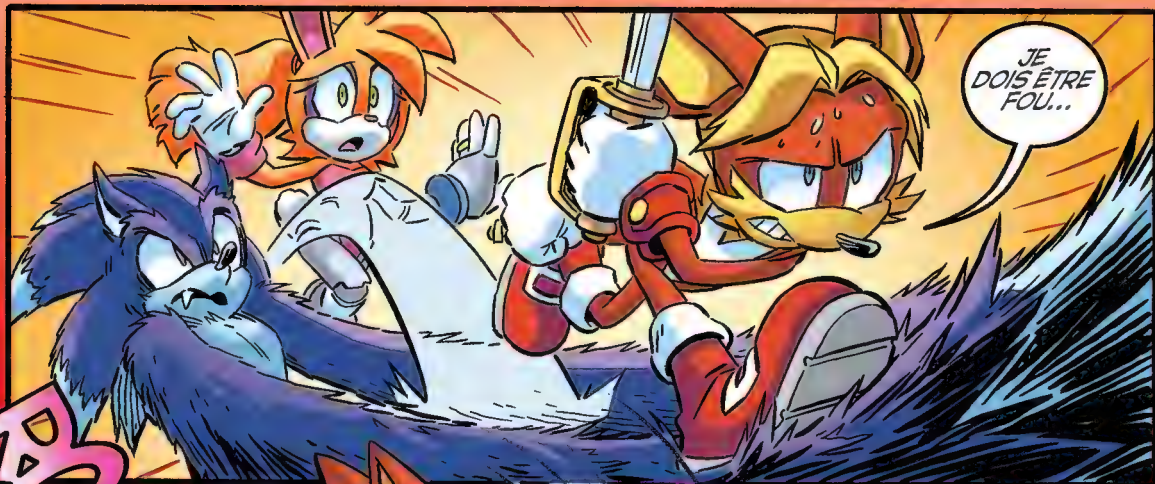
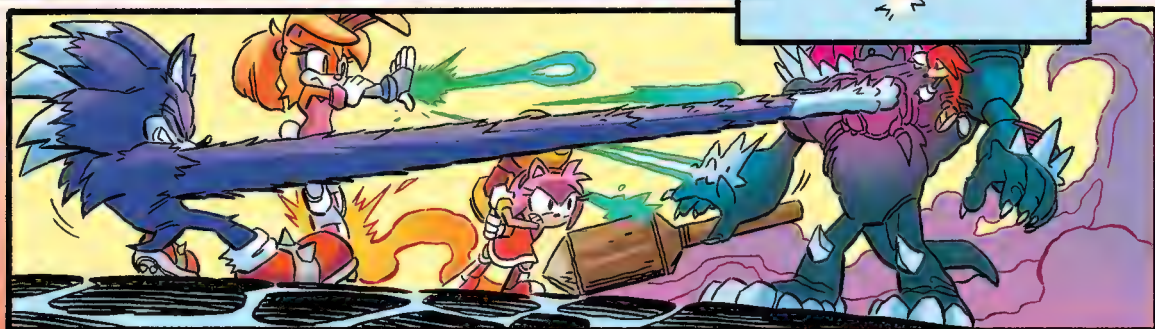
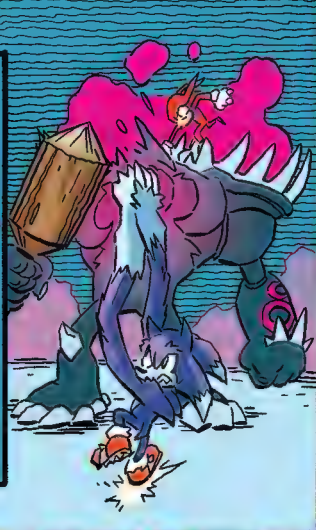




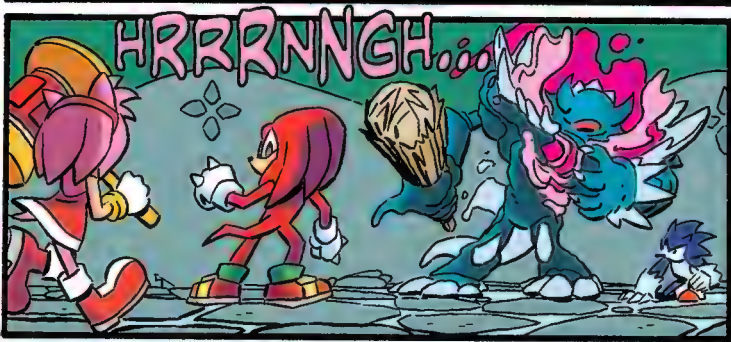
\*"GREAT CHAOS CAPER," SU #63-66.















NICE WORK. THIS **ALMOST** MAKES UP FOR THE TOURNAMENT.\*

THE ROUND **STARTED!** I THOUGHT YOU WERE **READY!** STOP MAKING ME THE BAD GUY!

HERE WE GO, KNUX. I HEARD YOU WERE **COLLECTING THESE.**

THANKS! ONE MORE DOWN...*ER* ...A BUNCH TO GO.

CAN YOU BE PUTTING ME DOWN NOW? ZE OTHERS--ZEY ARE STARTING TO LOOK!

AWW...BUT YER CUTE LIKE THIS.

\* SEE AMY AND KNUCKLES BATTLE IN "CHAMPIONS"...  
STH #268-271.

WHAT'S GOING ON? DO I NEED TO COME DOWN?

OR ME AND CHEESE? WE CAN HELP!

WE'RE ALL GOOD DOWN HERE! I THINK THAT'S ALL THE MONSTERS FOR THE NIGHT.





AND-AND-AND  
WE GOT A LIST  
OF ALL THE  
PEOPLE WE  
NEED TO TALK  
TO...

...SO WE CAN  
USE A SUPER-  
HANDY MAGIC  
SHORTCUT TO  
ALL THE GAIA  
TEMPLES!

WAIT--DOES  
THAT MEAN  
WE KNOW  
WHERE ALL  
THE TEMPLES  
ARE NOW?

WE DON'T *NEED*  
TO KNOW. ALL WE  
NEED TO DO IS BRING  
A BUNCH OF KEYS  
HERE AND WE CAN  
GET TO THEM ALL  
FROM ONE SPOT.



THEN WE *DON'T*  
HAVE TO DIVIDE  
OUR ATTENTION!  
KNUCKLES, I CAN  
GO WITH YOU...

...WE CAN FIND  
THE SHARDS, AND  
MAYBE SAVE ANGEL  
ISLAND BEFORE  
THE WORLD IS  
REPAIRED!

BEST  
NEWS I'VE  
HEARD ALL  
DAY!



HOLD  
ON...YOU'RE  
LEAVING  
US?

JUST UNTIL WE  
FIND ALL THE  
SHARDS AND  
RESTORE ANGEL  
ISLAND.

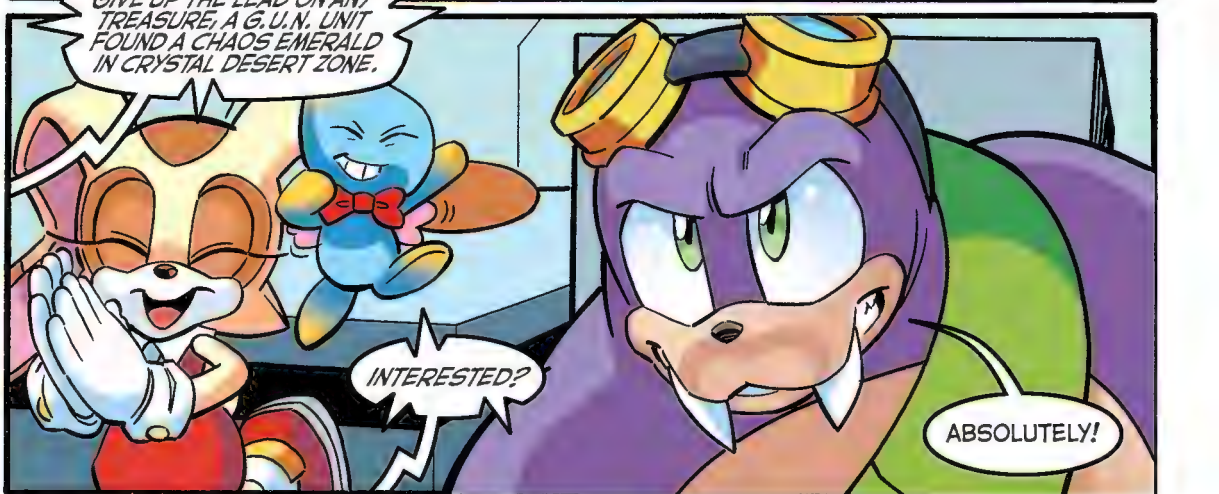
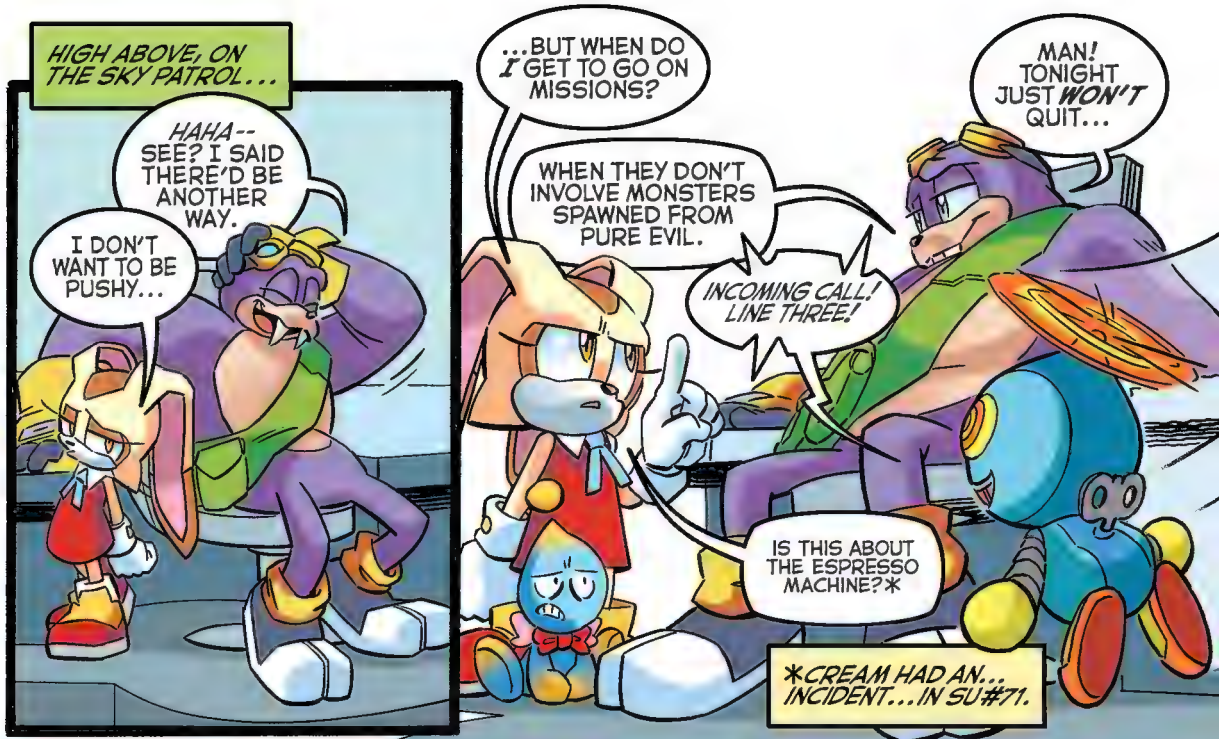
DON'T WORRY  
--I'LL KEEP  
KNUCKLES SAFE.



WASSAMATTER,  
SHAGGY?  
*JEALOUS?*

DO NOT EVEN  
START WITH ME,  
KNUCKLE-HEAD.





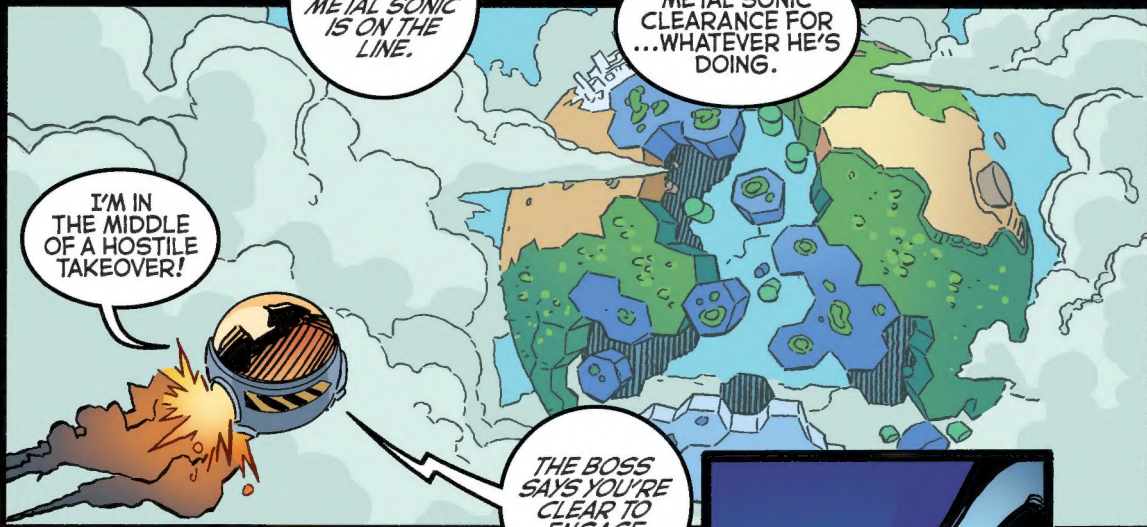


MEANWHILE...



MESSAGE  
FOR YOU, SIR.  
METAL SONIC  
IS ON THE  
LINE.

GIVE  
METAL SONIC  
CLEARANCE FOR  
...WHATEVER HE'S  
DOING.

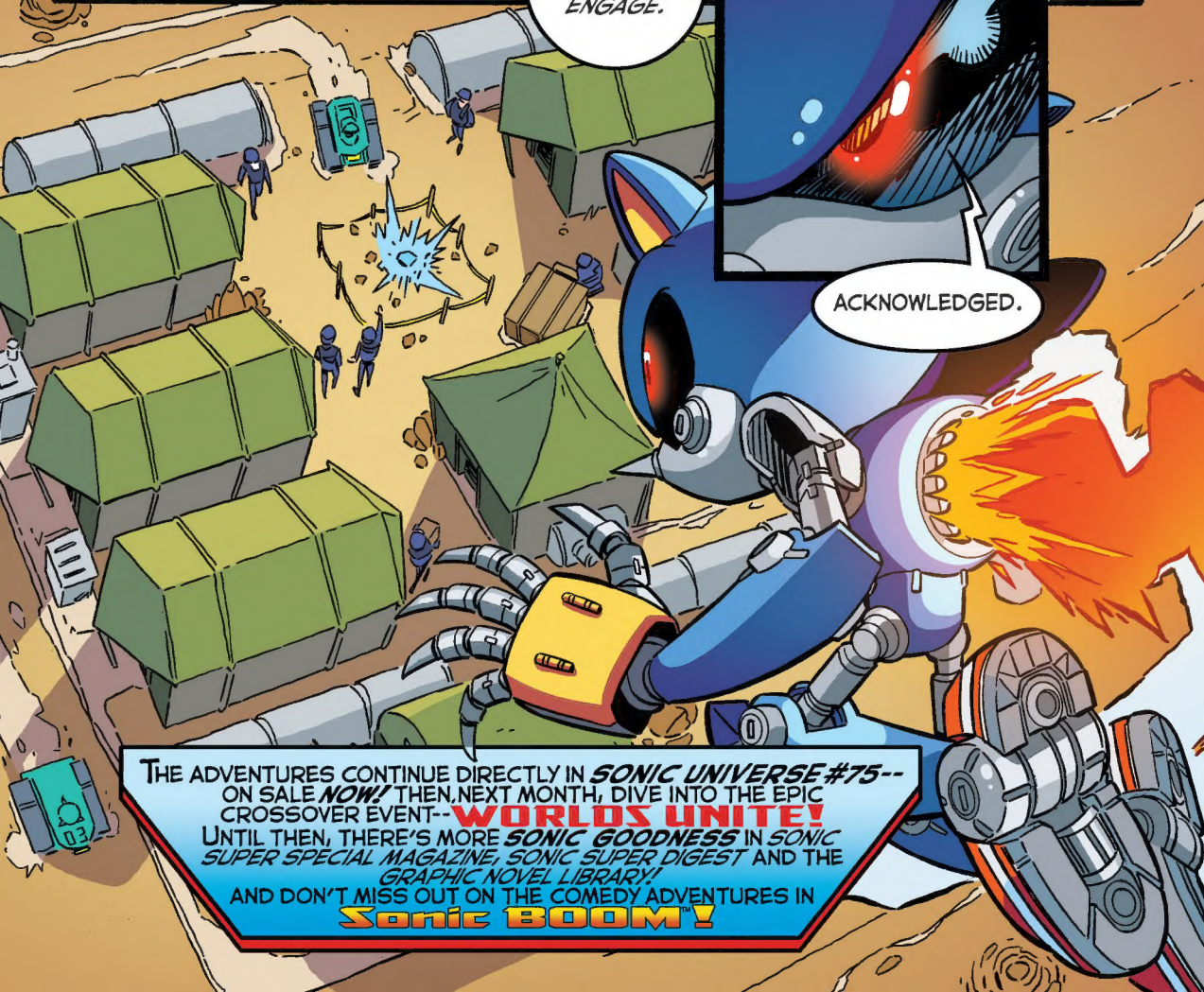


I'M IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF A HOSTILE  
TAKEOVER!

THE BOSS  
SAYS YOU'RE  
CLEAR TO  
ENGAGE.



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## OFF PANEL

## THE CASE OF THE VANISHING COMIC STRIP!

WAIT, WHAT? WE WEREN'T  
SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS  
ISSUE'S OFF-  
PANEL....

THE EDITOR REJECTED  
OUR MADONNA/ROUGE  
GAG! ROUGE JUST  
SASHAYED OUT!

NOOONONONONONO!  
WE'RE ALREADY THREE  
PANELS IN!!!



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# WORLDS UNITE

PART THREE of TWELVE



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